

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

5 1. A server for a network, the server enabling a user at a station to scan a document, the station comprising:

a computer connected to the network;

10 a browser installed on the computer to enable the user to browse the network; and

a scanner in communication with the computer;

the server comprising:

a database of scanner drivers;

15 a driver selection system that enables the user to select a driver for the scanner from the database of scanner drivers; and

a delivery system that transfers a selected driver to the computer and causes the computer to execute the driver;

20 wherein the user uses the browser and the driver selection system to select a driver for the scanner, the delivery system sends the driver to the computer, the computer executes the driver, the driver uses the scanner to scan a document, and scanning data 25 corresponding to the document is saved in a predetermined location.

2. The server of claim 1 further comprising a destination selection system that enables the user to 30 use the browser to select the predetermined location for saving the scanning data.

3. The server of claim 2 wherein the predetermined location comprises a universal resource locator (URL) or an electronic mail (e-mail) account address.

5 4. The server of claim 2 wherein the computer further comprises a media for storing data, and the predetermined location specifies that the media be used to save the scanning data.

10 5. The server of claim 1 further comprising a login system for establishing an identity of the user; wherein prior to using the driver selection system, the user first uses the login system to log into the server computer.

15 6. The server of claim 5 wherein the login system correlates the identity of the user with an account on the server, and the scanning data is saved in the account.

20 7. The server of claim 6 wherein the account is an e-mail account.

25 8. The server of claim 6 further comprising a viewing system for enabling the user to view the scanning data saved in the account.

30 9. The server of claim 1 wherein the selected driver is transferred to the computer in a self-extracting executable file format.

10. The server of claim 1 wherein the driver is removed

from the computer after the scanning data is saved in the predetermined location.